cluding private firms, after appraisal of the projects proposed. Repayments are to be made by borrowers according to the repayment schedules fixed for the purpose. Whenever any account becomes overdue and repayments are not received from the borrower, the bank takes remedial action for recoveries including filing of suits, sale of securities, invocation of guarantees where considered necessary

Revision of Rules Regarding Foreign Travel Scheme

983 SHRI M S GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank has revised its rules regarding the Foreign Travel Scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the changes made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K GADHVI) : (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India has not revised recently its rules regarding the Foreign Travel Scheme (FTS). Some changes were, however, introduced in the scheme with effect from 7th April, 1986 These are :—

(i) FTS as well as NTS will be available once in 3 calendar years instead of once in two calendar years.

(ii) If the visit is only two countries where NTS is applicable, the travellers will be eligible to apply for exchange quota only under NTS and not under FTS

(iii) Minor children upto the age of 12 will be eligible to draw exchange at half the normal FTS/NTS quota

(iv) If a traveller holding a renewed passport is unable to produce his previous passport, he will be eligible to avail of exchange under the scheme only on completion of two full calendar years covered under his current passport.

(v) It has been reiterated that it is absolutely necessary for authorised dealers and full-fledged money changers to insist on personal appearance and identification of the travellers in case of sale of foreign exchange under FTS/NTS.

Closure of Nationalised Banks

984. DR. BAPU KAIDATE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Government have taken a decision to the effect that nationalised banks who do not function upto Government or the people's expectation would be closed down·

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any such proposal is pending with Government;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether any of such banks have been closed down ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (e) There is no such proposal to close down any nationalised bank. It is the continuing endeavour of all the public sector banks to improve their performance to meet expectations of the people. Government/Reserve Bank of India continually monitor the progress achieved by these banks in all aspects of their operations such as deposit mobilisation, rural lending, credit to Priority Sectors and to Weaker Sections, Customer Service, Housekeeping and Profitability, for which they have drawn up Action Plans

Transfer of areas between Punjab and Haryana

985 SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN :

DR (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI .

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the present position regarding the transfer of areas between Punjab and Haryana on the basis of the recommendations of Mathew Commission, Venkataramiah Commission and Desai Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : The transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab and the transfer of some Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh are to take place simultaneously. The task of specifying the territories consisting of about 70,000 acres to be transferred from Punjab to Haryana, in lieu of Chandigarh, in terms of the recommendations made by the Justice Venkataramiah Commission, has been entrusted to Shri Justice D. A. Desai.

Communal Riots

986. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: *Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be* pleased to state

(a) the number of communal riots which took place in the country Statewise from January till October, 31, 1987;

(b) the number of persons killed/wounded in these riots,

(c) the total value of losses of property in these riots;

(d) the total compensation paid by Government to the victims of these riots; and

(e) the number of persons arrested and convicted therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (e) On the basis of the available information, a statement showing the particulars of major communal riots which took place in the country from 1st January, 1987 to 31st October, 1987 has been prepared and annexed [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 36]

Cases Panding in Labour Courts

987. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state .

(a) what is the number of cases pending in the various Labour Courts from January, 1986 till October, 1987. Statewise;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the steps being taken by Government to clear the backlog ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The information relating to the industrial disputes pending before Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in the States/Union Territories is not maintained. It is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) The Working Group on Industrial Relations constituted for the formulation of the 7th Five Year Plan had recommended norms for disposal of cases and establishments of new courts. As per these recommendations, norms for disposal for each Tribunal should be 10 contested cases and for each Labour Court 20 contested applications per month and the normal workload of an Industrial Tribunal should be 200 cases and of the Labour Court 800 applications The Central Government have recently set up an Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court in Bangalore in addition to ten such existing tribunals The State Governments/Union Territories set up Industrial Tribunals/Labour Courts under the provision of Industrial Disputes Act for the State Sphere. The recommendations of the Working Group were communicated to all the State Governments/Union Territories with the request that remedial action be taken to reduce the pendency of cases. They are addressed from time to time to review the position of cases and wherever necessary set up additional Tribunals/Courts

Export of Carpet Backing Cloth

988. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that shippers of carpet backing cloth (CBCO) acting in league with manufacturing jute mills registered shipments for latin American countries though they were intended for delivery to Savannah, a US port